



**American
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REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

In fiscal year 2009*, the Granite Chapter of the American Red Cross was involved in the following services and activities in and around Alton.

Disaster Response:

Red Cross trained volunteers make up the chapter's **Lakes Region Disaster Action Team**, which responds to disasters day or night in Alton and surrounding towns. In all, the Granite Chapter has seven Disaster Action Teams with over 100 specially trained volunteers.

Disaster volunteers were on the scene of **a residential fire** in Alton in the last year. They provided the family with comfort and support for food, clothing and other critical needs. In all last year, our disaster volunteers responded to **119 disasters**, helping a total of **313 people**, including 109 children, in 44 towns. 80 percent of the local disasters were residential fires. Disaster teams were also on the scene of the July Tornado and the Ashland Floods in August. During the December Ice Storm, the Chapter operated 15 Red Cross emergency shelters round the clock, and worked with communities at another 30 emergency shelters.

Licensed Nurse Assistant Training:

569 Licensed Nurse Assistants entered the healthcare field last year because of the training and/or testing through the Chapter's LNA training program. **Nine LNA students came from Alton.**

Services to the Armed Forces:

The Red Cross is there to help Armed Forces personnel and their families in times of crisis. Last year this chapter responded to **118 cases** for assistance to military families.

Health and Safety classes:

Last year, 14,732 Health and Safety classes trained 1,604 participants at the chapter office in Concord and communities throughout our jurisdiction. Red Cross classes include CPR, First Aid, use of AEDs, Babysitter Training, Safe on My Own (for ages 8-11), Pet First Aid and more. **Last year in Alton, Red Cross-authorized instructors taught several classes on a variety of subjects.** We are always glad to arrange for Red Cross classes in Alton with an enrollment of six or more participants.

* Fiscal Year 2009: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Blood Drives:

Six blood drives were held in Alton last year. Caring and generous donors gave **328 units** of life-saving blood. Last year in all the towns that we serve, there were 313 blood drives where donors gave a total of 15,813 units of the “gift of life.” NH hospitals depend on the American Red Cross for their blood supplies.

The Granite Chapter serves about two-thirds of New Hampshire, including central and northern communities. Chapter staff and volunteers provide support and relief after a disaster; emergency preparedness training; courses in health and safety; blood drives; volunteer and youth leadership opportunities; and aid to military families. All Red Cross assistance is free to disaster victims. The Granite Chapter is a non-profit organization that receives no annual federal funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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NH Chief Executive Officer